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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE INVITATION TO AUSTRALIA TO PARTICIPATE IN IEA WORKING PARTY ON COAL TECHNOLOGY

1. SECRETARIAT CIRCULATED FOLLOWING NOTE AT APRIL 25-26 GOVERNING BOARD.

BEGIN TEXT

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE IEA WORKING PARTY ON COAL TECHNOLOGY (WHO ALSO REPRESENTS THE UK COAL INDUSTRY) HAS RECOMMENDED INFORMALLY THAT AUSTRALIA BE INVITED TO BE REPRESENTED AS AN OBSERVER AT FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE COAL TECHNOLOGY WORKING PARTY. HE VIEWS SUCH PARTICIPATION ACTIVE PARTICIPATION BY AUSTRALIA IN ONE OR MORE SPECIFIC IEA COAL PROJECTS. AUSTRALIA, OF COURSE, HAS IMPORTANT COAL ACTIVITIES AND IT IS CONSIDERED THAT SUCH AN ASSOCIATION WOULD BE MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL TO ALL PARTIES CONCERNED.

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BEFORE ANY INFORMAL APPROACH IS MADE TO THE AUSTRALIAN AUTHORITIES TO DETERMINE IF THEY WOULD WISH TO SEND AN OBSERVER, THE GOVERNING BOARD IS INVITED TO EXPRESS AN OPINION ON THE SUGGESTION BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING PARTY. END TEXT

2. LANTZKE INDICATED TO GB THAT HE CONSIDERED THIS AN

APPROPRIATE STEP AND THAT AUSTRALIA WOULD BE APPROACHED UNLESS A MEMBER GOVERNMENT VOICED OBJECTIONS BY THE END OF NEXT WEEK. MISSION RECOMMENDS AGREEMENT TO THIS APPROACH.

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